



# upfront

■ CANAL DAYS: Festival additions

## Lots to do at Canal Days, but leave pets at home

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"It's becoming *Eat St.*," said Mayor Vance Badaway, referencing the hit show on the Food Network about the ever-growing popularity of mobile eateries. He hopes visitors will savour the "midway of flavour" being created on West St.

■ ALCOHOL: Committee recommends maintaining policy

## Two-drink limit may have boozers crying in their beer

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PORT COLBORNE — Two hands, two drinks.

It seems like a logical policy to put in place at local festivals, but Port Colborne is taking a second glance at its alcohol serving regulations after a complaint was launched by a resident.

The issue was addressed at a Canal Days festival planning meeting — the last before the event takes over the lakeside city from Aug. 3 to 6.

Though customers are able to purchase several tickets for alcoholic drinks at the festival, only two drink tickets per person can be redeemed at a time.

The condition was put in

place by city council in 2008 at the urging of the Alcohol and Gaming Commission of Ontario, Niagara Regional Police and the municipality's insurance company.

"There's some concern about over-serving," said Allisina Kane, the city's special events co-ordinator, who believes if the policy is changed it could raise liability issues for Port Colborne.

Authorities believe that first suggested the policy questioned why the city would consider increasing its liability, she said, adding they've recommended the policy remains as is.

Liquor law changes introduced in 2011 have allowed Canal Days to change its setup this year — keeping market square open and not fenced in

as it has been in the past. Port Colborne fire prevention officer Mike Berdla, who recommended the serving policy remain the same, suggested venue changes be fully evaluated before any additional adjustments are made.

Many local festivals operate under a two-drink serving limit, he added.

Considering this mainly in the length of the lineups that patrons have to endure to get their drinks, said Mayor Vance Badaway, who has worked the Canal Days bar.

Instead of increasing the drink limit, Ward 3 Coun. Angie Desmarais suggested increasing the size of the bar and the number of volunteers trained

to man it in order to lessen wait times. Smart Serve certified volunteers can apply to assist with the bar at www.canadawards.ca or pick up an application at Rosevalen Centre, 296 Fielden Ave.

It was also suggested during the meeting that signage be in place outlining the alcohol policy and that volunteers selling tickets should explain the two-drink serving limit prior to purchase.

The issue will be before council on Monday night for discussion. The Canal Days committee put forth a recommendation to council that the policy remain as is.

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Sunday on Princess St.; and the Algoma and Georgian College ship simulator that will be found all four days at Guild Hall.

One piece of information organizers hoped to stress to the public: leave your pets at home. No animals are allowed on the festival grounds and organizers do not want to

have to turn patrons away, particularly those who arrive from out of town with pets by their side. The rule is in place for the safety of visitors as well as the pets, who can encounter difficulties in the warm weather.

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The Niagara Windriders took advantage of the lakeside breeze during the Canal Days Kite Festival at H.K. Knoll Lakeview Park in this August 2011 file photo.

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■ COMMUNITY: Home Depot making Repei Place a home

# 'A place of their own'

DAVE JOHNSON  
InPort News Staff

**P O R T C O L B O R N E**  
— Residents of Repei Place pitched in to create a peaceful park-like setting for their 23-unit supported housing apartment complex last week.

The residents of the Gateway Residential and Community Support Services of Niagara Inc. building on King St. in Port Colborne, were helping staff from Home Depot in Niagara Falls who volunteered their time to do the project.

Assistant store manager Andrew Nixon said Home Depot Foundation supports non-profit housing projects,

such as the one at Repei Place.

"This is part of what we do locally," he said.

Nixon said the Niagara Falls store had already contributed to the complex when it was under construction last year, providing funding for appliances for 20 of the 23 units.

"We're here to beautify the area and make it a nice place for the residents," he said, as volunteers started to trickle in and get the site ready for the work.

The hope was to complete the project on Wednesday and come back at a later date to add a fence on the King St. side of the complex, which used to be home to a bowling alley.

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Repei Place resident Mike Bain, Niagara Falls Home Depot assistant store manager Andrew Nixon, store manager Matt McLean and Gateway Residential and Community Support Services of Niagara Inc. resource and development manager Shelly Mousseau put shovels in the ground at Repei Place in Port Colborne. A number of Niagara Falls Home Depot employees were at the residence installing a garden, walkway and gazebo for residents of the 23-unit complex.

Shelly Mousseau, Gateway's resource and development manager, said Home Depot staff, Gateway residents and local volunteers were going to build a garden, walkway and gazebo on the south side of the property.

"It will be a peaceful, park-like setting when it's complete ... a place of their own," she said.

Home Depot Foundation, she said, had already put \$25,000 toward Repei Place, which opened in December of 2011 and which will celebrate its official grand opening in August.



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Tom Dagenais unloads cedar mulch at Repei Place in Port Colborne on Wednesday morning.

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## ■ Ourview

# Look in the rearview mirror for cause of traffic deaths

Sometimes, as the old saying goes, a little knowledge is a dangerous thing. Niagara saw another three people die on our roads, this time in Pelham, and an 11-year-old died in a Beamsville hill and run, bringing the number of deaths this year to 16.

By way of comparison, a total of 15 people died in Niagara traffic collisions in 2011. That we've passed that total in July is sobering.

For years, Niagara's police and public health department have struggled to rein in the number of traffic fatalities in the region, which typically hovers at about 30 — a number that makes Niagara's roads some of the most dangerous in Canada. Each new police chief launches his or her own project to tackle that problem, but it never seems to make a dent.

Last year, however, the health department's think and drive campaign to raise the issue in the mind of the public, along with Niagara Regional Police enforcement efforts, appeared to have had an impact when the number of road deaths dropped by half.

Then we hit number 16 and it appeared, on the surface at least, that Niagara had gone back to its old lethal driving habits. And, as when these things happen, the chorus of "why aren't the police doing more?" hit social media like a rash. But before we start demanding the NRP put spike belts across every road in the region, there are some things to consider.

The number of fatalities is troubling. Even one is one too many because, in the vast majority of cases, these are preventable deaths. But it is worth noting we've had a couple of tragic collisions this year without one person dying. That means the number of fatalities this year does not necessarily mean Niagara's roads are more dangerous. In other words, the number of serious collisions is down.

Nonetheless, the NRP are reviewing the fatal collisions to see if there is something going on that can be addressed through education or enforcement. But we shouldn't be looking to the police to fix the problem. At the end of the day, there is only so much they can do.

The ultimate reason why traffic fatalities have been so high in Niagara is because of drivers. The ones who drink. The ones who go too fast. The ones who text or forget what "right of way" means.

Enforcement is not more resources thrown at traffic enforcement or education programs.

It's more common sense and responsibility shown by people when they get behind the wheel.

■ COLUMN: I've been thinking

# Adversity reveals character

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A friend was recently driving along, looking intently for a doctor's office in an unfamiliar city. As she was trying to read the signs on the road, she had to stop to make sure she stopped at the right one, she ran smack into the car ahead of her. Both vehicles suffered extensive damage and eventually had to be written off, but, thankfully and miraculously, no one in either car experienced any injury.

Totaly humiliated by the knowledge that she was responsible for this accident, she got out of the car and approached the driver of the other vehicle to exchange insurance information and other relevant details.

While she fully expected them to be upset, she was totally unprepared for the torrent of foul language and swear words with which she was greeted by the occupants in the presence of their

children no less. Devastated by this addition of insult to no-injury, she nonetheless maintained her composure and dealt with them as politely as she possibly could.

As she tried to call her husband on her cell phone, along came an onlooker who stopped to look at the scene. "People like you should not be allowed to drive. You're just like the woman who killed my son!"

When she shared this incident with me, I recalled words I had once heard at a conference: "Adversity does not build character, it only reveals it." I must admit that when I heard it for the first time, I was quite confused. Yet, this particular episode has reinforced the truth of this adage over and over again.

Jesus says in Luke 6:45: "A good person brings good out of the treasure of good things in his heart; a bad person brings bad out of his treasure of bad things. For the mouth speaks what the heart is full of." In other words, adversity does indeed bring out what

is already inside of us, thus revealing our character.

At one time, I used to get upset very easily when fellow drivers would commit such heinous crimes as failing to signal their next turn, refusing to let me pass them exactly when I so desired, or slowing down in the middle lane when the green light was on. As the process of turning amber and actually stopping when it was going from amber to red.

I had no idea that my character was leaking through my choice words in times like these until one fateful day in Regina when I had to brave hard to avoid hitting the red light. My young daughter shouted in an angry voice from her lofty perch in the back seat: IDIOT! Since she had not been to public school yet and her stay-at-home mom had not introduced this particular word during vocabulary enhancement exercises, it was quite obvious who was responsible for this remark.

Yes, it was her man-of-the-cloth, preacher of a Dad, who had to plod guilty and ask for forgiveness.

Contrast this with my Dad. On the night that he suffered the most bitter disappointment of his life, when he was unjustly denied the opportunity to be promoted he richly deserved, he simply refused to get mad and throw a hissy fit as did those gathered around him, including his son. Instead he said very calmly to all of us: "Obviously it is not God's will for me. Now you all can go home and you, son, can go to bed." Wow! His mouth certainly brought good out of the treasure of good things in his heart, didn't it?

I do not deny that adversity can contribute to building one's character, if only by enduring it and coming out changed for the better. But, I have also learned that

adversity reveals character. Thank you, Jesus, for your words of wisdom. Thank you Sara and Dad, for verifying their veracity.

## ■ COLUMN

# Dark cloud of tuition hangs over students

A dark cloud casts its shadow upon students and generous parents everywhere that causes grief and depression for those unfortunate enough to stand beneath it.

When the storm rolls in, no, it is safe, aside from the weather.

No, it is not hurricane season.

This dark cloud is named destruction, and like a hurricane, it destroys everything in its path. It tears down and scooping up every bill and cheque it can before said victim reaches the underground cellar for protection.

Tuition in Ontario has been far too overpriced for too

long.

Our neighbours south of the border argue that while our country may lack a modern and charismatic political leader who doesn't speak, act or think like a fool, at least we aren't footing a tuition of approximately \$30,000 per year.

But then there are countries in Europe such as Denmark and Austria who have a tuition price so low,

it tickles us with unbearable jealousy. What is the number on our tuition price tags, you ask? Zilch.

While not all European countries offer free tuition (hello, United Kingdom), the thought does cause Canadians to clutch our wallets a little tighter and narrow our eyes at everyone on the street, who may or may not be a politician dressed in disguise as a regular human being.

To add to the confusion, why both the Danish and Austrian government are able to so generously fund their citizens tuition is because the actual cost of living is much higher than it is in Canada. Almost every aspect of life

is the price of tuition is soaring higher than the CN Tower, and is especially a burden for middle class families. Why?"

In Denmark and Austria is more expensive from buying a house to buying food at the supermarket (or supermarket, as the Austrians say).

So, if the cost of tuition decreased, the cost of other things in our country would increase. But there are several issues with the price of an education being an issue.

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## ■ TUITION

# Finances shouldn't dictate educational access for students

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First of all, tuition greatly affects Canada's youth, which is a problem for many reasons, beginning with the fact that students are the countries future. Why is Canada, particularly Ontario, splitting in the face of and egging the houses of its future?

The age of retirement is continuing to increase while the recession is still burning, meaning that there are little job opportunities available to save up money for school. Contrary to popular belief, the local McDonald's is not always in need of employees, and when there are, the chances of working full time are slim (Oh, the irony!).

Not everyone is eligible for scholarships, and it's safe to say that OSAP is less generous than Kevin O'Leary from Dragon's Den.

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Of course upper class families are able to afford their own education without financial support from the government

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while still being able to spend their yearly March Break in Greece, uninterrupted by Hurricane Tuition.

Lower class families (while of course suffering in other ways) receive spoonfuls of help from the government when it comes to going to school. But what about the middle-class families, who are not rich enough to comfortably write cheques to Ryerson or Western, yet not poor enough to receive aid from the government? In debt and in therapy (which is also expensive).

What our government needs to recognize is that everyone deserves the opportunity to pursuing their post-secondary education. It is unjust to not offer equal opportunities for education, no matter how much or how little one has in their bank account.

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## ■ CANAL DAYS GARB



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Amanda Banke and Jaclyn Klukach model the new Canal Days T-shirts being sold at Port Colborne Historical and Marine Museum for \$20 each. The shirts, one of which includes a sea monster attacking a ship, are also being sold Fridays at the Port Colborne market.

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## ■ HEALTH CARE

# NHS critic appointed to LHIN group

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WELLAND — Pat Scholfield has never been shy to take action, particularly where health care is concerned.

The Welland resident and local health-care advocate was appointed to the Hamilton Niagara Haldimand Brant Local Health Integration Network's ACTION (A Call To Integration) Network committee. She has been working to provide input to improve the local health system.

Scholfield was one of 100 applicants who had hoped to find a spot on the committee, which aims to assist the LHIN in creating an integrated health system that supports a person-centred care delivery model.

Between 30 and 40 of the applicants were selected. Two more spots for the group have been taken thus far — one in May and a second in June, Scholfield said.

**We need access to health care now, not 10 years down the road."**

Pat Scholfield

The group's third and final meeting will take place Sept. 15.

During the meetings, participants were asked a series of three questions about the local health-care system. An online survey was also available, with same questions can be found on the LHIN's website for the public to provide opinion. "The LHIN claims they want public input. I hope they're serious about this," Scholfield said, encouraging people to get online and have their say.

She has grave concern about the local health-care system and hopes see action taken to protect residents' access to equitable health care immediately.

"We need access to health care now, not 10 years down

the road," she said, referencing the recommendation from NHS supervisor Kevin Smith to build a new hospital in south Niagara.

Scholfield has made a number of suggestions through the committee, including the availability of providing space in local underutilized community hospitals to existing and future community health centres, family health teams and other government clinics. Rather than paying rent for buildings that are privately owned, rent can be paid to the hospitals. This will provide not only revenue for the hospitals, but also better access to care, she said.

Input from the committee and the public will be compiled into a report by the LHIN.



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Pat Scholfield, committee member of the Hamilton Niagara Haldimand Brant Local Health Integration Network's ACTION (A Call To Integration) Network

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WAINFLEET — While the temperature soared outside, things were heating up inside township council chambers during discussions over the possible sale of an unopened road allowance off of Lakeshore Rd.

Wainfleet council is considering selling the property — Augustine Reeb Rd. — to abutting property owners.

"That prompted residents to show up at last night's meeting when the township's official plan was being discussed."

Township planner Grant Munday said Wainfleet's official plan currently says under no circumstances should waterfront lands be sold. The recreation committee is opposed to the sale, he added, as are many people in the community.

Before residents spoke on the issue, Ald. Ted Hessels said to drive by the property a person would not even find the road allowance, and there's no place to park if there is a guest vehicle.

"You would have to be an avid mountain climber, resistant to poison ivy and able to jump off a 10-foot-high steel breakwall that runs the entire width of the road allowance," he said.

"There is a potential to sell this road allowance as a lot if we amend the official plan, and the revenue could be in the hundreds of thousands which could be used to upgrade another road allowance that is easily accessible so that everyone can have equal opportunity to use the beach. The lot in question, only a few individuals would fit it."

Hessels said if it were to be made public access, parking and stairs would need to be added, and brush would need to be trimmed and poison ivy removed.

Resident Robert Benner, who lives beside the land in question, said the road allowance could easily be cleared and steps could be easily put in to get over the breakwall. He said many residents along the shoreline in the area have stairs down steep slopes leading to the beach.

He agreed with Hessels that there is no parking in the area, but said the bottom area could be cleared and turned into an ideal stop for cyclists, with picnic tables and natural trails leading up the hill and down to the beach.

"I think it would be ideal to sell Wainfleet as a destination. But to sell the land would be absolutely absurd."

Laurie Dayboll, who lives across from the road allowance, said it and others strung out every half-mile along the lakeshore have been in existence for 200 years and should not be sold off.

She said the sale could set a precedent for the sale of other road allowances in the future.

Other residents chimed in throughout the discussion and all were opposed to the residents.

Ontario Shorewalk Association founder Gary Skerrett, of Fort Erie, said his group, which has been fighting for public access across the Great Lakes region, was on hand to lend his support to residents.

Skerrett said it is a beautiful stretch of beach at the end of the road allowance and all of the land should be left in public hands.

Alasdair Wyatt said a large majority of people have made their views known and don't want the land sold.

"We should take that into consideration," he said.

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ALLAN BENNER Staff Photo

Phil Bearss and Laurie Dayboll are fighting to keep a public beach, across from their Lakeshore Rd. home in Wainfleet, open.

## ■ YACHT CRUISES TO PORT



DAVE JOHNSON Staff Photo  
With the Port Colborne lighthouse in the background, the yacht Antares makes its way out of the Welland Canal recently. The 40 metre long, tri-deck yacht, registered out of Bikini in the Marshall Islands, was docked along West St. and attracted a bit of attention as people stopped to check it out. The yacht was built by Westport Yachts, based in Washington state, and sleeps 10 people in five staterooms. It has a crew of seven. The Antares is the latest large yacht to pass through the lakeside city.

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# Idol winner judges Niagara's Next Star

InPort News Staff

WELLAND — Season 5 Canadian Idol winner Brian Melo will be a celebrity guest judge for Seaway Mall's talent search contest Niagara's Next Star.

Melo will judge in the final round, mall president Mike Bucicastro announced Wednesday.

Last year's contest winner Sarah Dufresne is also among judges. She said she

is excited to take part in the competition again.

"Being a part of this last year opened a lot of doors for me," she said.

Registration for the talent competition, open to Niagara residents aged eight and up, ends July 31 at 9 p.m.

Auditions are scheduled to perform on The Tribune main stage at the mall on Aug. 10, 11 and 18 from noon to 5 p.m. The final round is on Aug. 25.

Local musician Joel van Vliet, sound engineer Chris Accursi, Z101 account manager Ethan Rising, David Macoretta and talent agent Dan Plunkett will also judge the contest.

"We aren't here to be nice," van Vliet said. "We're here to judge and find the best."

The winner will receive gift card performances and other prizes.

For full details visit [www.seawaymall.com](http://www.seawaymall.com).



VICTORIA GRAY Staff Photo

Sound engineer Chris Accursi, left, 2011 Niagara's Next Star winner Sarah Dufresne and Joel van Vliet, a few of this year's Niagara's Next Star judges, get together at Seaway Mall where it was announced Brian Melo, former Canadian Idol winner, will be one of the contests celebrity judges.

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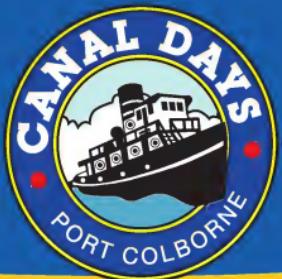
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## Historical and Marine Museum

### New this year!

The wonders of the universe come down to earth in the Royal Ontario Museum Travelling Starlab. Enter this inflatable planetarium to explore the unspoiled night sky and learn about the wonderful and magical world of astronomy. Don't miss the talented performance of traditional Scottish dancing set to bagpipes and Celtic music, by students from "Tara's School of Highland Dance". Let the "Old Tyme Fiddlers" energize you with their fiddle music, some of which dates back to the 1800's. The whole

family can enjoy live performances of Canadian East Coast and traditional Celtic music by the group "Against the Grain", and experience the unique and powerful music of the dynamic duo "VoxViolins". Explore our exhibits in the main gallery: *Dress to Impress-A century of fashion 1812-1912*, *DeWitt Carter-The Man Behind the School*, *A Bittersweet Sugarloaf Settlement in 1812*. See our newest exhibit "Permission to Come Aboard" commemorating the 50th anniversary of the Canadian Coast Guard on display in the Marine Exhibit Lighthouse.

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### Established Favourites!

Canal Days™ at the Museum is your destination for marine displays, photographs as well as ship and railway models. Enjoy the Great Lakes Model Boat Association remote control boat show in action and the Niagara Antique Power Association's displays and demonstrations of everything from corn shucking to steam whistles. Watch skilled artisans demonstrate blacksmithing, woodcarving, wool-spinning and rope ladder-making throughout the heritage village. Visit with the 1st Lincoln Militia re-enactors and print a free souvenir using our heritage press. The Niagara 1812 Legacy Council will offer War of 1812 merchandise. Towpath Trinkets Fleamarket offers up something for everyone from gently used items to antiques. Don't miss the original antique car show on Saturday. Enjoy a stuffed pork dinner cooked over a wood fire by Pig Roast Productions. Satisfy your taste buds with Crystal Beach Waffles and Suckers, Savour tea and freshly baked biscuits in Arabella's Edwardian Tea Room. The Museum is the only place to purchase your official Canal Days™ T-shirts which come in two great styles. Delight in fun activities at the Kids Zone: heritage dress-up, potato sack races, croquet, crafts, and face painting.

It is with a great deal of community pride that I extend a warm welcome to you on behalf of the City of Port Colborne – by working together, our community offers you a vibrant, active and fun destination that ensures your visit is one that you will never forget.

It is a pleasure to present to you Canal Days – a celebration of our community's Marine Heritage along the shores of Niagara's South Coast during the height of summer. This year we welcome the tall ships U.S. Brig Niagara and Empire Sandy and the E.M. Cotter, a working fire boat. From Lock to Lake, the entire family will enjoy the flavours of Niagara along Historic West Street, HH Knoll Park, Seaway Park and an exciting line up of entertainment within our Market Square.

The City of Port Colborne, within the beautiful Niagara Region - the Culture Capital of Canada - has become an investment destination. The Welland Canal, where water meets road, rail and air gives industry the ability to reach their business targets. Therefore, not only is our community celebrating our past, but as well, we are celebrating our future as Niagara's Port of Call.

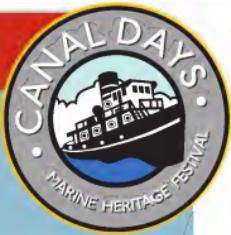
To our visitors, I thank you for celebrating with us. Experience Port Colborne - Experience the sights and sounds of Niagara's South Coast!

**MAYOR VANCE M. BADAWAY**



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### General Festival Info

For everyone's safety and enjoyment, all festival events are to remain free of pets, bicycles, rollerblades and skateboards. The Market Square concert venue is an all ages environment.

with beer tent for 19+ festival goers. Where age is in question, at least three pieces of government issued ID - at least one with a photograph of the bearer - must be provided to gain access. There will be no exceptions.

All event times and schedules are approximate and subject to weather, including fireworks. For further details, please call the City of Port Colborne at 1-888 PORT-FUN or visit [www.canaldays.ca](http://www.canaldays.ca)

[www.portcolborne.ca](http://www.portcolborne.ca)



On behalf of members of city council and the residents of the City of Port Colborne, welcome to Canal Days 2012, a celebration of Niagara's Port of Call.

We invite you to experience four days of tall ships, family activities, entertainment, fireworks and the flavours of Niagara during the height of summer.

By continuing a tradition of working together, the City of Port Colborne offers you a vibrant, active and fun event that ensures excitement for the entire family.

*Experience Port Colborne ~ Experience Niagara's South Coast*



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# Canal Days Market Square 2012 Full Concert Listings

*Guests may bring chairs into Market Square.  
Your \$2 to \$5 donations are appreciated and  
accepted at the gate. ALL AGES SHOW!*



**FRIDAY AUGUST 3 - 7:00PM**



Poor Young Things  
The Stanfields  
The Trews



**SATURDAY AUGUST 4 - 6:30PM**

Rikers 7:30pm,  
David Wilcox, 8:45pm  
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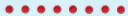
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SUNDAY AUGUST 5 - 12:00 NOON



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**The Sheridan Band** 1:00pm  
**The Seasick Sailors** 2:15pm

**SATURDAY, August 4, Continued**

**Liam McGlashon  
& The East Coast Kitchen Party** 3:30pm  
**The Dole Tinkers** 4:15pm

**MONDAY AUGUST 6 - 12:00 NOON**



**Sister Act** 1:00pm  
**Margarittaville**  
**Tribute Show** 2:45pm



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# Empire Sandy

## Tall Ship Cruise Schedule

**THURSDAY, AUGUST 2, 2012**

Cruise through the Locks

Boarding at Port Dalhousie: 9 a.m.

Sailing: 9:30 a.m.

Approximate arrival in Port Colborne

Price per person: \$97.75

MAX: 150 Guests



**FRIDAY, AUGUST 3, 2012**

Sunset Evening Cruise

Boarding: 6:30 p.m.

Sailing: 7 p.m.

Return: 9 p.m.

Price per person: \$20

MAX: 275 guests

**SATURDAY, AUGUST 4, 2012**

Morning Cruise

Boarding: 10:30 a.m.

Sailing: 10:45 a.m.

Return: 12:45 p.m.

Price per person: \$20

MAX: 275 Guests

Afternoon Cruise

Boarding: 1:45 p.m.

Sailing: 2 p.m.

Return: 4 p.m.

Price per person: \$20

MAX: 275 Guests



Dinner Cruise

Boarding: 6:30 p.m.

Sailing: 7 p.m.

Return: 11 p.m.

Price per person: \$69.00

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# Tall Ship Cruise Schedule

## SUNDAY, AUGUST 5, 2012

### Morning Cruise

Boarding: 10:30 a.m.  
Sailing: 10:45 a.m.  
Return: 12:45 p.m.  
Price per person: \$20  
MAX: 275 Guests

### Afternoon Cruise

Boarding: 1:45 p.m.  
Sailing: 2 p.m.  
Return: 4 p.m.  
Price per person: \$20  
MAX: 275 Guests

### Fireworks Dinner Cruise

Boarding: 5:30 p.m.  
Sailing: 6 p.m.  
Return: 10 p.m.  
Price per person: \$95.00  
MAX: 230 Guests

## MONDAY, AUGUST 6, 2012

### Morning Cruise

Boarding: 10:30 a.m.  
Sailing: 10:45 a.m.  
Return: 12:45 p.m.  
Price per person: \$20  
MAX: 275 Guests

### Afternoon Cruise

Boarding: 1:45 p.m.  
Sailing: 2 p.m.  
Return: 4 p.m.  
Price per person: \$20  
MAX: 275 Guests

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During Canal Days, dinner cruise tickets can be purchased at City Hall. Tickets for morning and afternoon cruises can be purchased daily from the ticket tent located on West St. near the Tall Ships.



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# Event Schedule

## THURSDAY, August 2

### Empire Sandy Canal Cruise

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7:00am FREE Shuttle bus boarding in Port Dalhousie

8:00am FREE Shuttle bus departs Market Street

9:00am Ship boarding at Westcliffe Park

9:30am Canal Cruise departs in Port Dalhousie

8:00pm Empire Sandy arrives in Port Dalhousie

8:00pm Shuttle bus returns to Port Dalhousie

\*Arrival times subject to change



## FRIDAY, August 3

**7:00am**.....Canal Days Farmer's Market at Market Square

**8:00am - 11am**.....Breakfast Royal Canadian Legion Branch 56 Legion

**12:00pm**.....West Street Retail Vendors, Exhibits, Taste of Canal Days Food Courts, Canal Days Golf Challenge hosted by Whisky Run

**12:00pm- 5:00pm**.....Port Colborne Historical & Marine Museum, Free Admission, 280 King St at Princess St.

**2:00pm- 4:00pm**.....Edwardian Tea Arabella's on Museum grounds

**4:00pm-12:30am**.....Canal Days Shuttles from West Side Road and West Side Arena to festival activities

**5:00pm**.....Princess Street Midway Rides and amusements

**6:30pm**.....Sunset Cruise Empire Sandy boarding begins on West Street - \$20 per person

**7:00pm**.....Live at Market Square The Trews with The Stanfields & Poor Young Things presented by 97.7 HTZ FM - All ages, family friendly concert area, outside chairs permitted, donations accepted at gate, Bar sales until 12:00am, Wrist band policy in effect.

**8:00pm**.....Showboat Festival Theatre presents 'Pop Goes The 60's' For tickets and information, contact Showboat festival Theatre at The Roselawn Centre, 296 Fielden Ave, or call 905-834-0833

**9:00pm- 12:00pm**.....Much Music Video Dance Party Seaway Park, Free Admission, All ages welcome.

**12:30am**.....Market Square closes

## SATURDAY, August 4

**8:00am**.....Canal Days Kids Fun Run HH Knoll Park, registration begins at 7:00am, Pirate theme, prizes for best costumes and more, NO RACE DAY REGISTRATION, please register on line prior to the day of the race.

**8:15am**.....Canal Days 5km Run HH Knoll Park, registration begins at 7:00am, Pirate theme, prizes for best costumes and more, NO RACE DAY REGISTRATION, please register on line prior to the day of the race.

**8:00am- 11am**.....Breakfast at Royal Canadian Legion Branch 56, 67 Clarence St., \$4 per person.

**9:00am- 10:30am**.....Breakfast at Port Colborne Senior Citizen's Recreation Centre, 554 Fielden Ave, \$5 members, \$6 non-members

**10:00am-5:00pm**.....Canal Days Craft Show at West Side Arena. Approximately 60 juried crafters. Admission is free (to 5pm)



## SATURDAY, August 4, Continued

**10:00am- 12:30pm**.....Canal Day Shuttles from West Side Road and West Side Arena to festival activities

**10:00am**.....West Street Retail Vendors, Exhibits, Taste of Canal Days Food Courts, Canal Days Golf Challenge hosted by Whisky Run

**10:00am**.....Princess Street Midway Rides and amusements

**10:30am**.....Morning Cruise Empire Sandy boarding begins on West Street - 10:45am Morning Cruise \$20 per person

**11:00am**.....Fireboat EM Cotter arrives on West Street

**11:00am**.....Joy Cochrane Demonstration on West Street

**11:00am- 6:00pm**.....Wattman Children's Train rides - FREE at bridge 21

**11:00am**.....Enbridge Children's Area opens at Seaway Park, colouring, inflatables and toddler play area

**11:00am- 5:00pm**.....Port Colborne Historical & Marine Museum - 280 King St. at Princess \$2 Admission. Members and children under 12 free

**11:00am- 5:00pm**.....Port Colborne Historical & Marine Museum Car Show

- 280 King St. at Princess \$2 Admission. Members and children under 12 free

**11:00 am - 5:00 pm**.....Royal Ontario Museum Starlab at the Museum

**11:00 am - 5:00pm**.....Classic Car Show at the museum

**11:00am- 2:00pm**.....Enbridge Children's Area Free Fairies Face Painting

**11:30am- 4:30pm**.....Vox Violins perform under the pavilion

**12:00pm- 4:00pm**.....Roseland Centre presents Garden Swing Jazz on the lawn with The Toronto All Star Big Band, 296 Fielden Ave at Carter St, Licensed, Food available

**12:00pm-4:00pm**.....On the Hour- Remote Control Model Boat Show at the Museum

**12:00pm- 6:00pm**.....Canal Days Buskers at various locations

**1:00pm- 3:00pm**.....Old Time Fiddlers

**1:00pm- 4:00pm**.....Edwardian Tea at Arabella's on Museum grounds

**1:00pm - 4:00pm**.....Enbridge Children's Area Port Colborne/Welland & District Shrine Club hosting clowns and balloon animals

**1:45pm**.....Afternoon Cruise Empire Sandy boarding on West St - 2:00pm, \$20 per person

**2:00pm**.....Exhibit Launch: Permission to Come Aboard

**2:00pm**.....Entertainment by Stonewall, Royal Canadian Legion Branch 56, 67 Clarence St, pepper spray & hot dogs, hamburgers and sausage available.

**6:30pm**.....Live at Market Square, Sloom with David Wilcox and Rikers presented by HTZ 97.7. All ages, donations accepted at the gates, family friendly concert area, outside chairs permitted. Bar sales until 12:00am, Wrist band policy in effect.

**6:30pm**.....Dinner Cruise Empire Sandy boarding on West Street - at 7:00pm \$69.00 per person

**8:00pm**.....Showboat Festival Theatre presents 'Pop Goes The 60's' For tickets and information, contact Showboat festival Theatre at The Roselawn Centre, 296 Fielden Ave, or call 905-834-0833

**9:00pm**.....Niagara Windriders Kite Night-Ry, HH Knoll Park

**12:30am**.....Market Square Closes

**SUNDAY, August 5**

- 7:30am**.....**Breakfast** at the Sugarloaf Harbour Marina Pavilion  
**8:00am-11:00am**.....**Breakfast** at the Royal Canadian Branch 56 Legion,  
 67 Clarence St., \$4 per person  
**8:00am- 4:00pm**.....**Canal Days Car Show** HH Knoll Park, Free Registration and  
 Admission, Food Donations accepted, Dash plaques for the first  
 400 cars, Over 50 trophies and special awards, Food and Live  
 Entertainment by The Saturday Night Band  
**8:00am**.....**Canal Days Mountain Bike Race** Registration at City Tavern.  
 Presented by Shorthills Cycling Club, cdmbr.com  
**10:00am**.....5KM Youth Race Starts  
**11:00am**.....30 KM Adult Race Starts  
**9:00am**.....**Canal Days Craft Show** at West Side Arena. Approximately 60  
 juried crafters. Admission is free (to 5pm)  
**10:00am- 12:30pm**.....**Canal Shuttles** from West Side Room and West Side arena  
 to festival activities  
**10:00am**.....**West Street** Retail Vendors, Exhibits, Taste of Canal Days Food  
 Courts, First Nations Exhibits  
**10:00am**.....**Princess Street** Midway Rides and amusements  
**10:00am-4:30pm**.....**Canal Days Kite Festival** HH Knoll Park, free admission, Single  
 Line and Sport Kite Field, Teddy Bear Drops for children, Giant  
 Kites, Japanese Battle Kites, 200pm Grand Ascension of Kites HH  
 Knoll Park  
**10:30am**.....**Morning Cruise** Empire Sandy boarding begins on West Street  
 10:45pm \$20 per person  
**11:00am - 6:00pm**.....**Watman Children's Train** rides at Bridge 21  
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**11:00am - 2:00pm**.....**Enbridge Children's Area** Free Fairy Faces Face Painting  
**11:00 am - 5:00 pm**.....**Royal Ontario Museum Starlab** at the Museum  
**11:30am - 4:30pm**.....**Against the Grain** Perform at Museum  
**12:00pm- 6:00pm**.....**Canal Days Buskers** at various locations  
**12:00pm**.....**Live at the Market Square** Canal Days Celtic Party presented  
 by Parkbridge Lifestyle Communities Inc. featuring the Liam  
 McCloskey Kitchen Party Band, The Sheridan Band, The Seaside  
 Sailors and the Dole Tinkers. All ages, family friendly concert  
 area, outside chairs and strollers welcome, donations accepted  
 at gate, Bar sales until 5:30pm, Wrist band policy in effect.  
**1:00pm- 4:00pm**.....**Edwardian Tea** at Arabella's on Museum grounds.

**SUNDAY, August 5, Continued**

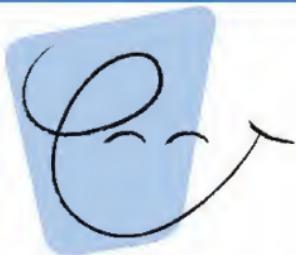
- 1:00 - 3:00pm**.....**Tara's School of Highland Dance Performance**  
 at the Museum  
**1:00pm - 4:00pm**.....**Enbridge Children's Area** Port Colborne/Welland & District  
 Shrine Club hosting clowns and balloon animals  
**1:00pm**.....**Karaoke Entertainment by Steve & Lisa from Goodtimes**  
 Entertainment, Royal Canadian Legion Branch 56, 67 Clarence  
 St., penny sale & hot dogs, hamburgers and sausage available.  
**1:00pm**.....**Canal Days Wine & Beer Garden Opens** on West Street.  
 ID required. 19+ venue.  
**1:45pm**.....**Afternoon Cruise** Empire Sandy boarding on West St – 2:00pm,  
 \$20 per person  
**2:00pm**.....**Showboat Festival Theatre presents 'Pop Goes The 60's'**  
 For tickets and information, contact Showboat festival theatre  
 at The Roselawn Centre 296 Fielden Ave. or call 905-834-0833  
**5:30pm**.....**Fireworks Dinner Cruise** Empire Sandy boarding begins on  
 West Street. 6:00pm sail, \$95.00 per person  
**6:00pm**.....**Market Square Closes**  
**6:30pm**.....**Canal Days Wine & Beer Garden Closes**  
**7:30pm - 10:30pm**.....**Canal Days Wine & Beer Garden Opens** on West Street.  
 ID required. 19+ venue. Entry donation of \$5 required for  
 Fireworks Spectacular, first come, first served.  
**9:15pm**.....**Boat Parade of Lights** along the Welland Canal  
**10:00pm**.....**Canal Days Fireworks Spectacular** over the Welland Canal at  
 West St. Presented by Rankin Construction  
**1:00am**.....**St. Catharines Transit Shuttle** Service returns from Canal Days  
 to St Catharines

**MONDAY, August 6**

- 8:00am-11:00am**.....**Breakfast Royal** at the Royal Canadian Branch 56 Legion,  
 67 Clarence St., \$4 per person  
**10:00am-4:30pm**.....**Canal Days Shuttles** from West Side Road and West Side Arena  
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**11:00am - 2:00pm**.....**Enbridge Children's Area** Free Fairy Faces Face Painting  
**12:00-4:00pm**.....**Watman Children's Train** rides at Bridge 21  
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Lasik Provision has evolved in its current location from its original incarnation as ZEISS Vision, which brought affordable Lasik eye surgery to North America. Dr. Taylor restructured Lasik Vision in 2001 as a founding principal and owner of Lasik MD, which then went on to expand refractive clinics across Canada. In 2005, Dr. Taylor left Lasik MD and on his own formed Lasik Provision, in association with Bausch and Lomb in Niagara Falls, he underwent an international expansion to London, England, Brussels, Belgium and the United States. Currently in addition to his private practice, Dr. Taylor is involved in the development of a comprehensive orthokeratology clinic.

"What is exciting now in refractive laser eye surgery is the safety of the procedure and the range of treatment options now available for patients. It is rare that a patient cannot benefit from refractive surgery," says Dr. Taylor. "The greatest development in recent years has been the use of the femtosecond laser for the creation of the flap upon which the laser procedure is based. Not only does this create a thinner and more uniform flap, which leads to better optical outcomes, it alleviates the need for a blade and greatly reduces the risk of complications. This is the same technology used in the most advanced LASIK procedures and is also being used in the latest microkeratome blade in Lasik eye surgery." Dr. Taylor has extensive experience on many other laser platforms. "While we started with the Bausch and Lomb platform in 1999, the industry has moved forward to provide greater customization for the unique optical needs of each individual patient. At Lasik Provision, we have the WaveLight Allegretto platform and the WaveLight EXILIS platform. Both of these platforms are the latest in femtosecond lasers and are able to create a flap much thinner than the natural corneal flap for optimal optical correction and customization. ZEISS Laser Blended Vision is unique in the treatment of presbyopia ("reading glasses vision"). It is the only excimer laser platform that predictably increases the range of vision so patients can see at near, intermediate and far without the loss of stereovision. This is truly exciting. Previously, and on other laser platforms, we could only correct with one eye corrected for distance and one eye corrected for distance. This left patients with a loss of intermediate vision and reduced stereovision. What Visions works so much better."

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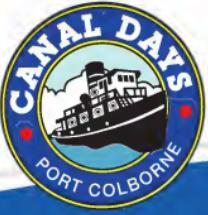
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## ■ PUBLIC MEETING

# Wainfleet council takes input on changes to township's official plan

DAVE JOHNSON  
InPort News Staff

**WAINFLEET** — While residents were focused on the possible sale of an unopened road allowance in the township, lost was discussion on Wainfleet's official plan.

The road allowance does fall under the official plan, but there's more to it than

just that subject.

Grant Munday, township planner, said the official plan will replace the current plan in place, which was originally approved in 1979.

"The ... official plan is to set a long term 20-year vision for the township, establish goals and objectives to guide future land use changes in the municipality consistent

with this vision, and set out specific policies to guide future change while maintaining the desired qualities of the township," he told council and a packed council chambers.

He said the purpose of the public meeting was to "afford anyone the opportunity to make representation in respect to the modi-

fied official plan" prepared by Sorensen Gravely Lowes Planning Associates Inc.

That plan has been modified by integrated community planning staff at the region with the assistance of its consultant Dillon Consulting Limited, and in consultation with township planning staff.

"Council will not be

making decisions respecting the modified plan tonight, rather, comments received will be recorded and will become part of staff and council consideration ..." Munday said.

He said one major change made to the document concerned the lakeshore area of Wainfleet. It is no longer referred to as Lakeshore Built Up Area and not considered

to be a hamlet, either. All reference to municipal water-sewer services along the lakeshore, the Big Pipe, were removed the plan as well.

Munday said there have been additional changes as well, and those can be found in the plan, which is online on the township's website.

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## ■ OFFICIAL PLAN

# Plan to be finalized in August

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Once he was done speaking, the road allowance issue dominated the official plan discussion, but Barb Weems, with Quartek Group, spoke on behalf of her clients, Lakewood Beach Properties Ltd.

Weems wanted the official plan to be modified to recog-

nize the communal servicing system that has already been approved and a second change as well.

"We'd like the addition of six additional residential units in the first phase."

There were to be 41 residential units built on the site of the former Lakewood Camp, on Lakeshore Rd., in

two phases. She requested six of the units set for the second phase of construction be moved into the first phase.

Yvonne Hessels, wife of Ald. Ted Hessels, spoke about keeping the Wellandport area as a hamlet in the official plan. She said there are two regional roads

that run through the area and it would be a good area for expansion.

Ald. Hessels did not speak on that part of the official plan due to a conflict as he lives close to the Wellandport area.

A final official plan will be presented to council on Tuesday, Aug. 14.

## OFFICIAL PLAN: DRAFTS & CHANGES

■ Township council approved the "draft" Official Plan on Sept. 14, 2010.

■ The plan was sent to the approval authority (Niagara Region) for its review and modification.

■ The Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing also provided comments.

■ In consultation with township planning staff, regional staff modified the council-approved "draft" Official Plan.

■ On May 22, 2012 council authorized staff to hold another statutory public meeting to allow for additional public input on the plan and other changes proposed by council. These changes included the following: providing greater flexibility on the sale of municipal owned waterfront lands and road allowances and changes to the green energy policies contained within the modified Official Plan.

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# Hwy. 406 widening on course

MARYANNE FIRTH  
InPort News Staff

WELLAND — Construction crews are busy keeping Hwy. 406 on track, literally.

Though the provincial government's \$100-million project is expected to take several years to complete, work is well underway with St. Catharines-based Rankin Construction managing several areas of the highway from Port Robinson Rd. to East Main St.

For the remainder of 2012,

Rankin will continue focusing on a new northbound 406 bridge that will cross Merrit Island, the Welland River and recreational trail, said project manager Bill Snow.

"We hope to have the girders in place by the end of the year," Snow said of the bridge over the waterways — the largest in the project.

In total, the project includes construction of eight bridges and the rehabilitation of two existing bridges.

Along with the water work,

drivers moving along the highway will see trucks bringing in loads of earth from Rankin's borrow site and granular from its Port Colborne quarry to widen the roadway in various sections and ready for construction of the coming overpasses.

Work has begun on the bridge that will accommodate the Thrillium Railway tracks that cross the highway just south of the Woodlawn Rd. intersection.

The company plans to have some highway areas paved by

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the end of 2012, Snow said.

New ditches have been created to accommodate necessary drainage, though that part of the project hasn't come without challenges.

"The dry weather is good for construction but not so good for growth in ditches," Snow said, adding seeds have had difficulty taking root.

Welland's lack of rain has also created another issue.

"The weather makes it difficult to control the dust," Snow said.

Rankin has three water trucks running steady to try and keep the dust down to keep the roadway safe for drivers.

The company is sticking pretty close to the project's schedule. While crews are a little behind in some areas, they're a little ahead in others, Snow said. Overall, he believes the project is going well with no major issues or delays.

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## ■ HEALTH: Appointments cancelled

# Blood donors needed

Import News Staff

WELLAND — Canadian Blood Services is urging Niagara residents to book an appointment to donate blood before the August long weekend.

Spokeswoman Veronica Magee said southern Ontario needs 890 people

to respond to the need for blood this summer.

"Right now we're seeing appointment bookings are down and in order to make sure we have enough we need people who people who book appointments to honour those appointments and see those who haven't booked donate [blood] over

the next few weeks to avoid some potential problems," she said.

Magee said only 60% of people who make appointments to donate blood keep their appointment.

She said there isn't a shortage of blood in the area, but that in the summer, and especially on

long weekends when people are driving to a vacation destination, added traffic can result in more collisions. It can take up to 50 blood donors to help one crash victim.

Canadian Blood Services has 600 appointments to fill in Welland and Port Colborne.

The next opportunities to give blood are Wednesday, July 25, from noon to 6 p.m., and Saturday, July 28, from 9 a.m. until noon at the Ukrainian Centre on McCabe Ave. in Welland, and on Wednesday, July 25, from 1 p.m. to 7 p.m. at Port Colborne High School on Elgin St.

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